

**City of Gold Hill City Council
Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2020**

In Mayor Brad Studebaker's absence and without a current Council President, City Manager Jessica Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

- 1) Roll Call:** Councilors Hinkley, Wilson, Rigney, Biedscheid and Palmer responded as present. As noted, Mayor Studebaker was absent. **QUORUM PRESENT.** CM Simpson then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Agenda Adjustments

Due to the Mayor's absence, CM Simpson elected to move choosing a Council President to the front of the agenda so the new President could take over running the meeting.

Councilor Wilson nominated Ron Palmer for Council President. Councilor Hinkley nominated Melia Biedscheid for Council President.

Councilor Wilson then moved that Ron Palmer be the Council President. Councilor Rigney seconded. Councilors Wilson, Palmer and Rigney voted in favor. Councilors Hinkley and Biedscheid voted against. **MOTION PASSED 3-2.**

3) Announcements, Awards and Proclamations - NONE

4) Public Input – NONE

5) Public Hearing – NONE

6) Consent Agenda

6.1 Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for November 2, 2020

Councilor Hinkley moved that the Council approve the minutes for November 2, 2020. Councilor Wilson seconded. All Councilors present voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

7) Council Consideration

7.1 Council President Vacancy

This was addressed in the Agenda Adjustment section above.

7.2 Council Seat Vacancy

Councilor Hinkley expressed the need for her to have interviews with the two candidates. Councilor Palmer agreed. It was mutually agreed to table this matter for the next council meeting set for January 4, 2021.

7.3 Results of City Engineer Search

Councilor Hinkley moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contact with Adkins Engineering as our engineer of record. Councilor Palmer seconded. All Councilors present voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

8) Reports from Councilors

Councilor Hinkley wished to announce to the general public that the ballots for "Light up Gold Hill" are now available on the City website for online voting. She encouraged everyone to participate. Simpson reminded folks that ballots can also be picked-up at City Hall, Ray's or the Pharmacy. Councilor Wilson noted she had ballots at her shop as well.

Councilor Rigney thanked all the voters who participated in the last election. He expressed that he really appreciated the voters as well as those who helped clean up the Beach Park, which is still ongoing.

9) Department Reports

CM Simpson announced the guys did a great job vacuuming the City's storm drains. The DEQ has officially approved MAO extension. The SCA grant she applied for this year with ODOT was just awarded to the City for one hundred thousand dollars. This money will be utilized to pave the streets.

Councilor Hinkley inquired as to the progress of the ADA access ramps downtown. Simpson replied that ODOT will be constructing ADA ramps at every intersection in town all the way to Sardine Creek Road. In addition, there will be quite a bit of construction at the intersection of Dardanelles and 4th Avenue to allow the extension and addition of the sidewalk on the park side.

10) Good of the Order

Councilor Hinkley reminded everyone this was the last Council Meeting of the year and whatever people celebrate, she hopes they have a great rest of 2020. The meeting ended with everyone saying happy holidays!

Adjournment

Council President Ronald Palmer adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Minutes Approved by: _____
Brad Studebaker, Mayor

Attested by: _____
Jessica Simpson, City Recorder